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(observations made in fall of 1950)

Location: Berlin/Babelsberg, Soviet Zonw. Camouflaged in thick wood...
"with 16 km perimiteter in Babelsberg station from which approached by taking Graf Spee Avenue". Locale is actually former air raid bunker.

Names of school: Sign at "Ranch road" off Graf Spee Ave. reads "Schule der Russischen Militaer Akademie Karlshorst- Abteilung 1-A".

Over school entrance is sign in russian and german "Militaer Laboratorium der Freien Russischen Armee".

Guards: Under Soviet guard

Direction: By Soviet officers

Students: 50 to 60, recruited from German Volkspolizei officers under rank of major.

Instructors: Alexandre Sacha Petrovich (sic), Soviet colonel; school commandant; P.D.: 50 in 1950; 1.75 meters; solid build; trangular face; graying hair; high forehead; aquiline nose; gray geyes; Stalin-type moustache; tortoise sheall glasses; speaks German as well as Russian.

Mascj WORNOW, Soviet capatin from Vorone ; 25 years old in '50; medium height; solid build; wide face; dark blond hair; high forehead; slightly aquiline nose; false front teeth; blue eyes; speaks other Slava languages; teaches history, topography and photomapping.

fnu WERNICK, Soviet major from Ukraine; about 35 in '50; 1.80 meters; oval face; brown graying hair; low forehead; stab nose; light eyes; with nervous tic; wears glasses for myopia; speaks German, Russian and other Slav languages.

fnu, WERNER, Soviet major about 45 in '50; 1.70 meters tall; coval face; brown graying hair; high forehead; balding temples; regular features; dark eyes; Vandyck beard and moustaches. Speaks russian, german (and dialects) and english. Formerly architect; teaches topography at school.

eight lnu, fnu Soviet officer teachers at school in addition to above; all wore Soviet officer uniforms without specialty badges.

Courses:

courses extend over two years and are divided into four sessions of four months each plus one month testing course in summer for new students. First class teaches geography, history, topography, firearms, judo, introduction to physics, and chemistry, Russian language, photography and explosives. Second session continued a bove and added operations in foreign countries, precautions vs surveillance, disguises. Third class added radio telegraphy, foreign languages, familiarization with chemical agents and reagents; chemical instruction designed to enable agents to construct own

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mnemnonic type, parachute jumping and ciphers. The summary lesson on cyphers was based on forms from superior Soviet command in Karlshorst.

Commitment:

Agents sent abroad carry out activities under cover as merchants, commercial travelers, photographers, painters, etc. Not all agents work into a net as some are disignated "etappen agenten" who personally engaged in gathering information. Agents were frequently furnished radio transmit ter receivers. One set seen by source was 40 x 30 x 15 cm and can be broken down to facilitate transport and hiding. Instructions given for hiding messages and ciphers by sewing them in clothing.

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